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Sixty-fifth session
Geneva, 25-27 June 2018
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations * **

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, together with an international symposium on "Nuts and Dried Fruit for a Sustainable Future" on 26 June 2018 (afternoon).

I. Provisional agenda

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5. Development of new standards.

* Delegates attending the meetings are encouraged to register online at https://unedb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=p0JoqK or in the event of difficulties with electronic registration, contact the secretariat by e-mail (Stephen.hatem@unece.org).

** Information on the symposium as well as all documents for the meeting will be made available online at http://www.unece.org/ddp-65th-2018.html.

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(a) Dried coconut pieces;

(b) Dried bananas;

(c) Dried papaya;

(d) Dried melons;

(e) Dried berries.

6. Explanatory posters.

7. Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the Specialized Section.

8. Other business.

9. Future work.

10. Election of officers.

11. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Specialized Section will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2018/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/2)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities in their agencies that are of relevance to the work of the section.

3. Review of existing standards[1]

As agreed at the 2017 session, the Specialized Section will review the revised draft Standard for Prunes (coordination: France).

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Prunes (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/3)

[1] All UNECE standards for dry and dried produce as well as the Standard Layout can be found at www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/ddp-standards.html.

4. Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections of dry and dried produce

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section decided to organize a practical workshop which was held on 4 May 2018 with the assistance of the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC). The following documents records the findings of the workshop in a revised version of the sampling plan. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the new guidelines for inspections of dry and dried produce.

Documentation: Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections for dry and dried produce
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5. Development of new standards

(a) Dried coconut pieces

The Specialized Section is invited to review the recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for a 1-year trial period.

Documentation: Recommendation for Dried Coconut Pieces (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/10)

(b) Dried bananas

The Specialized Section is invited to review the recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for a 1-year trial period.

Documentation: Recommendation for Dried Bananas (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2017/11)

(c) Dried papaya

At its 2017 session, the Specialized Section had initiated work on a new standard for dried papaya. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the new draft text.

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Papaya (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2018/5)

(d) Dried melons

The Specialized Section is invited to review the proposed new standard for dried melons (coordination: Uzbekistan).

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Melons (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2018/7)

(e) Dried berries

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the possible development of a standard for dried berries.

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Berries (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2018/6)

6. Explanatory posters

In 2017, the Specialized Section adopted its first poster for dried apricots which has been published in English and Russian (and translated by users into Kyrgyz, Tajik and Uzbek languages). At is 2017 session, the Specialized Section also decided to develop posters for

(a) Inshell pistachio nuts;

(b) Inshell walnuts;

(c) Walnut kernels.

7. Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the Specialized Section

The secretariat will update the Specialized Section and present its promotional poster based on the text developed at the 2017 session.

8. Other business

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

9. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

10. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

11. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.
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III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 25 June	10.00 – 13.00	Working group meetings (no interpretation)
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 1 – 4
Tuesday, 26 June	10:00 - 13.00	Items 5 - 6
	15.00 – 18.00	International symposium
Wednesday, 27 June	9.30 – 12.30	Items 7 - 11